MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The *Ichira* has been inspected and a preliminary report submitted by the Division Officer, Kottayam. On account of financial stringency, further action could not be taken.

Retrenchment in expenditure.

263. ✻**MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent to which the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been given effect to ; and

(*b*) why the other recommendations were not accepted by Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to G. O. No. Fl. 1352, dated the 19th July 1933, and annexures to the Final Report of the Retrenchment Committee, 1931, a copy of which has already been furnished to the member.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that the Government has not bestowed any consideration on the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are considering several of the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know what proposals are under the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The standardisation of the salaries of officers, the creation of a common cadre of officers and the recommendations of the Public Service Recruitment Commmittee, which include, I believe, some proposals for retrenchment.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that none of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee for reducing the expenditure has received the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The G. O. referred to does contain the recommendations acted upon by Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Since the date of the G. O. ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Since then no.

Statement by casts of clerks etc., in the Judicial Department.

264. ✻**MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to give a statement by caste showing :

(*a*) the number of clerks in the Judicial Department of the State,

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(*b*) the number of process servers and peons in the Judicial Department ; and

(*c*) the number of Amins in the Judicial Department.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). Government do not propose to call for the information as the time and labour involved in the preparation of the statement are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Karthikapalli I*) May I take it from the member that the preparation of a list of the clerks in one particular department is a very difficult task ?

PRESIDENT : Presumably; that is the answer. It does not require any further comment.

Bridge across the Alwaye ferry.

265. ✻**MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are making arrangements to build a bridge across the Alwaye ferry ;

(*b*) whether they are in receipt of plans and estimates for the same ; and

(*c*) whether they will be in a position to start work during 1110?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) to (*c*) No.

Opening of the Alleppey-Shertala canal.

266. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total cost hitherto incurred by the Government for the Shertala-Alleppey canal, including the land acquisition charges ;

(*b*) the total number of miles hitherto cut open at both ends of the proposed canal ;

(*c*) the total length which yet remains to be cut open and its approximate estimate of cost ;

(*d*) whether any amount is yearly sanctioned for its maintenance ;

(*e*) if not why ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Rs. 5,52,804 including land compensation.

(*b*) 5 miles, 3,083 feet at both the ends together.

(*c*) 7 miles, 4, 517 feet costing approximately Rs. 1,57, 100.

(*d*) Yes. Rs. 1,688.

(*e*) This question does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANAHBA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member whether the Government will sympathetically consider the feasibility of resuming the scheme ?

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : On a point of order. The member is asking for the opinion of Government.

PRESIDENT : The Government member would have told him so.

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